

REMARKS

In response to a telephone conference with Ping Wang and Examiner Switzer on December 15, 2004, entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.


Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 9, 10, 12 and 13 will remain pending in the application. Applicants have amended Claims 9 and 13. These changes do not introduce new matter and do not change the scope of the claims.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Ping Wang, M.D. (Reg. No. 48,328) at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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